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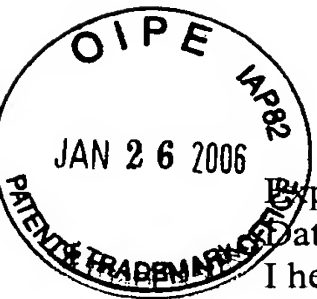
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant submits this Response and Amendment to the Office Action made final of December 21, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.